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Principalship of the Medical College.

426 *Q.*—Mr. R. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(1) whether it is a fact that in the first instance Colonel Chaudhuri, I.M.S., was appointed Acting Principal of the Madras Medical College;

(2) whether it is a fact that the said appointment was made after duly considering the claims and qualifications of Lieut.-Colonel Bradfield, I.M.S., and other officers for the said post; and

(3) whether it is a fact that after communicating the said appointment to Colonel Chaudhuri, I.M.S., an order was made cancelling the same and appointing Lieut.-Colonel Bradfield, I.M.S., for the said post and if so, to state the reasons therefor?

A.—(1), (2) & (3) The hon. Member is referred to the answer to question No. 425.

Ministry.

Support for the Ministry in the Council.

427 *Q.*—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether his attention has been drawn to the fact that on every single division in the House since the No-Confidence motion he has had a minority of elected Members on his side; and

(*b*) whether he proposes to take any action thereon?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The Minister has not analysed the Division lists and so long as he secures a majority in the Council he sees no necessity for such analysis.

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI:—"With reference to the answer to this question, will the hon. the Chief Minister analyse the Division list?"

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL:—"I do not think I need do that."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI:—"He says there is no necessity to analyse because there is a majority. May I ask him what he means by a majority?"

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL:—"Majority means majority. If the hon. Member has any doubt he is at liberty to consult an English dictionary" (Laughter and cheers.)

Rao Sahib P. V. GOPALAN:—"Does this question imply that the nominated members' votes are negligible and are of no importance?"

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL:—"They are as important as those of any other Members." (Hear, hear.)

Education.

The Madras Educational Service.

428 *Q.*—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI: Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state the number and names of the officers of the lower grades of the Subordinate Educational Service, Collegiate Branch, who have been promoted in the Madras Educational Service to places in the Inspectorate, since March 1923, and the reasons for so doing?

A.—There are no lower grades of the service referred to. This branch of the service is not divided into grades.